

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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## MEDIA BUREAU IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF FCC FORM 317

By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces the mandatory electronic filing of FCC Form 317, "Annual DTV Ancillary/Supplementary Services Report for Digital Television Stations." Each commercial and noncommercial educational digital television broadcast station *licensee* is required to annually report whether or not its station provided ancillary or supplementary services at any time during the twelve-month period ending on the preceding September 30<sup>th</sup>. FCC Form 317 (November 2003 Edition ) is to be filed by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Pursuant to the 1998 *Biennial Regulatory Review- Steamlining of Mass Media Application Rules and Processes*, 13 FCC Rcd 23056 (1998) mandatory electronic filing of Commission forms was to commence six months after a given form was made available for electronic use. By Public Notice, DA 03-3646, released November 17, 2003, FCC Form 317 was made available for electronic use.

Mandatory electronic filing of FCC Form 317 will commence *November 1, 2006*. Paper versions of FCC Form 317 will not be accepted for filing after October 31, 2006, unless accompanied by an appropriate request for waiver of the electronic filing requirement. Such waivers, however, will not be routinely granted and the applicant must plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting relief.

Form 317 is available for electronic filing by using the Media Bureau's Consolidated Database System (CDBS). This system provides the public with the ability to fill out FCC Form 317 on-line via the Internet from the Media Bureau's Web Site, <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/mb">http://www.fcc.gov/mb</a>, and to file it electronically with the Commission. Internet access to the CDBS requires a user to have, at a minimum, a browser such as Netscape version 3.04 or Internet Explorer version 3.51.

For further information, please contact James Brown at (202) 418-1600.

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By Chief, Media Bureau